**Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church**

Ministers: All God’s People Pastor: Brian Bergum

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**Announcements**

**Call to Worship – Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

Leader: We worship as we live, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen**

Leader: Come let us worship God, the Source of love and life, who creates us and all things.

**All: Come let us worship God, who came to us in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the Risen One, who is Immanuel, God with us now and always.**

Leader: Come let us worship God, whose Spirit dwells in our lives and in our world, the Spirit calls, gathers, renews, and sends us out into the world to be witnesses to the love of God.

**All: To the One true God, Father-Son-and Holy Spirit, be praise in all times and in all places.**

Leader: As we gather to worship God we let go of our fears that keeps us from loving, we put down our masks that hide our true selves. We turn to God seeking forgiveness in our own life and the courage to offer forgiveness to each other.

*(A Time of Silence for Personal Reflection and Confess)*

Leader: Most merciful God,

**ALL: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**Closing Song:** “Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”



**Prayers of the People**

Leader: Hear us O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

**Offering** (Noisy Offering will be received first and Regular Offering after.)

**Thanksgiving for the Word**

Leader: Let us Pray, Praise and thanks to you holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**All: We give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by fear, the way of self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**All: We give you thanks and praise.**

Leader: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts with us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. And teach us to pray,

**ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

Leader: The Lord bless you keep you; the Lord’s face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Sending**

Leader: Go in Peace to love and serve our Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God and we will!!!**

**Responsive reading: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
**All: Lord, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

Leader: The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.
**All: The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,** **and you give them their food in due season.**

Leader: You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
**All: You are righteous in all your ways** **and loving in all your works.**

Leader: You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.
**ALL: You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.**

Leader: You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.
**ALL: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;** **let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever and ever.**

**Opening Song:** “For the Beauty of the Earth”



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**Prayer of the Day**

Leader: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray,

**All: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Bible Readings**

**Sermon:** Robin Donner

**Sermon Song:** “Praise and Thanksgiving”



**Affirmation of Faith “**Apostles Creed”

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,** **who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,** **suffered under Pontius Pilate,** **was crucified, died, and was buried;** **he descended to the dead.** **On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,** **he is seated at the right hand of the Father,** **and he will come to judge the living and the dead.** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,** **the holy catholic church,** **the communion of saints,** **the forgiveness of sins,** **the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**